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INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS AND WORKERS COMPENSATION STATISTICS: PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, 1970-71

This publication contains preliminary statistics of industrial accidents reported to the Victorian Government Statist during 1970-71 under the provisions of the Workers Compensation Regulations. For comparative purposes statistics for 1966-67 to 1969-70 are also included.

The collection is restricted to fatal cases and to those where the worker was incapacitated for work for a period of one week or more. Reports included relate to workers compensation claims finalised during 1970-71, and to claims reported as unclosed after a period of three years. Thus the cases to which the statistics relate did not necessarily occur in 1970-71.

The effect of the provisions of the Workers Compensation Act should be noted:

- (a) In accordance with the provisions of the Amendment Act 1965, the definition of "worker" excludes any person employed whose remuneration exceeded \$6,000 per annum. However, some employers do insure against liability for employees whose income exceeds the amount specified in the Act. (On 9 May 1972, in the year subsequent to that to which these statistics relate, the Act was amended and the provision relating to \$6,000 was deleted. Benefits were also increased.)
- (b) Commonwealth employees and self-employed persons are excluded from the provisions of the Act.

Industrial accident. For the purpose of this collection, the following definition is applied: An industrial accident is a compensated work injury causing death, permanent disability, or absence of the injured person from work for one week or more, excluding journey cases, cases occurring during a recess period, and all disease cases except where the disease is considered to be precipitated or aggravated by an accidental event.

Information has been included concerning accidents occurring on journeys to and from employment or during a recess period, disease cases, and workers compensation business transacted.

For further definitions see the more detailed annual bulletin to be released at a later date.

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VICTORIA - NUMBER, COST OF CLAIMS, AND PERIOD OF INCAPACITY OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS,
JOURNEY AND RECESS CASES, AND OTHER DISEASES, 1966-67 TO 1970-71

Particulars	Number			Cost of claims			Period of incapacity		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
				\$	\$	\$	weeks	weeks	weeks
<u>Industrial accidents</u>									
Fatal - 1966-67	43	2	45	386,055	13,117	399,172	..	..	..
1967-68	40	1	41	357,733	265	357,998	..	..	..
1968-69	50	1	51	454,904	588	455,492	..	..	..
1969-70	49	..	49	482,438	..	482,438	..	..	..
1970-71	33	..	33	352,858	..	352,858	..	..	..
Non-fatal - 1966-67	32,153	5,052	37,205	9,103,896	1,111,631	10,215,527	127,718	21,555	149,273
1967-68	28,196	4,754	32,950	8,572,397	1,124,475	9,696,872	112,111	21,642	133,753
1968-69	26,629	4,403	31,032	8,754,594	1,242,737	9,997,331	107,001	20,125	127,126
1969-70	27,210	4,609	31,819	8,702,945	1,327,301	10,030,246	104,976	21,422	126,398
1970-71	26,491	4,477	30,968	9,334,301	1,423,186	10,757,487	107,349	20,242	127,591
<u>Journey and recess - disease and accident cases</u>									
Fatal - 1966-67	41	4	45	197,399	10,782	208,181	..	..	..
1967-68	49	1	50	293,707	7,950	301,657	..	..	..
1968-69	54	2	56	366,516	8,586	375,102	..	..	..
1969-70	60	3	63	416,385	9,567	425,952	..	..	..
1970-71	59	1	60	411,848	280	412,128	..	..	..
Non-fatal - 1966-67	1,758	1,002	2,760	526,562	214,408	740,970	11,568	5,303	16,871
1967-68	1,542	963	2,505	508,766	216,057	724,823	8,498	4,626	13,124
1968-69	1,513	921	2,434	557,375	198,422	755,797	8,752	4,688	13,440
1969-70	1,575	950	2,525	491,676	224,955	716,631	9,014	4,852	13,866
1970-71	1,496	968	2,464	506,527	209,961	716,488	8,387	4,921	13,308

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VICTORIA - NUMBER, COST OF CLAIMS, AND PERIOD OF INCAPACITY OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS,
JOURNEY AND RECESS CASES, AND OTHER DISEASES, 1966-67 TO 1970-71 - continued

Particulars	Number			Cost of claims			Period of incapacity		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
<u>Other diseases</u>				\$	\$	\$	weeks	weeks	weeks
Fatal - 1966-67	222	4	226	1,082,732	13,141	1,095,873	..	..	..
1967-68	255	2	257	1,535,855	5,707	1,541,562	..	..	..
1968-69	256	4	260	1,824,003	22,128	1,846,131	..	..	..
1969-70	245	4	249	1,752,910	15,838	1,768,748	..	..	..
1970-71	255	6	261	1,846,382	19,394	1,865,776	..	..	..
Non-fatal - 1966-67	1,566	721	2,287	1,469,537	166,893	1,636,430	23,195	4,279	27,474
1967-68	1,285	701	1,986	1,104,337	170,420	1,274,757	14,999	3,742	18,741
1968-69	1,123	650	1,773	995,724	160,712	1,156,436	14,652	3,029	17,681
1969-70	1,084	683	1,767	743,713	133,716	877,429	9,932	2,912	12,844
1970-71	1,017	593	1,610	747,031	138,443	885,474	9,654	3,117	12,771
<u>Grand total</u>									
Fatal - 1966-67	306	10	316	1,666,186	37,040	1,703,226	..	..	..
1967-68	344	4	348	2,187,295	13,922	2,201,217	..	..	..
1968-69	360	7	367	2,645,423	31,302	2,676,725	..	..	..
1969-70	354	7	361	2,651,733	25,405	2,677,138	..	..	..
1970-71	347	7	354	2,611,088	19,674	2,630,762	..	..	..
Non-fatal - 1966-67	35,477	6,775	42,252	11,099,995	1,492,932	12,592,927	162,481	31,137	193,618
1967-68	31,023	6,418	37,441	10,185,500	1,510,952	11,696,452	135,608	30,010	165,618
1968-69	29,265	5,974	35,239	10,307,693	1,601,871	11,909,564	130,405	27,842	158,247
1969-70	29,869	6,242	36,111	9,938,334	1,685,972	11,624,306	123,922	29,186	153,108
1970-71	29,004	6,038	35,042	10,587,859	1,771,590	12,359,449	125,390	28,280	153,670

NOTE. Comprises fatal and non-fatal claims closed during the year or unclosed claims of three years duration. Period of incapacity of non-fatal claims is one week or more.

VICTORIA - WORKERS COMPENSATION BUSINESS, 1966-67 TO 1970-71

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Year	Wages on which premiums were paid	Gross premiums received less adjustments	New claims arising		Claims paid during year	Claims outstanding at end of year
			Fatal	Non-fatal		
	\$'000	\$'000			\$'000	\$'000
1966-67	2,730,791	52,521	(a)490	203,537	25,787	48,864
1967-68	2,979,540	54,797	(a)718	204,057	29,828	56,224
1968-69	3,286,808	57,160	663	203,111	32,528	63,487
1969-70	3,455,975	60,396	683	205,034	34,310	69,544
1970-71	3,932,840	71,409	813	205,859	37,456	77,464

(a) Fluctuations in the number of new claims arising were partly the result of changes in the recording methods of insurers.

CLAIMS PAID DURING YEARS 1966-1967 TO 1970-71
(\$'000)

Year	Under Workers Compensation Act									Under other acts and common law damages, etc.	Total
	Compensation			Medical, etc. services					Legal costs, etc.		
	Weekly compensation	Lump sum-death	Lump sum-main	Doctor	Hospital	Chemist or registered nurse	Ambulance	Other curative, etc. services			
1966-67	8,216	2,938	2,931	3,683	1,979	180	122	339	2,571	2,828	25,787
1967-68	8,898	4,176	3,197	3,839	2,381	193	127	392	2,871	3,754	29,828
1968-69	8,920	4,756	3,600	4,086	2,890	216	139	429	3,397	4,095	32,528
1969-70	9,562	4,767	3,448	4,522	2,953	263	134	480	3,837	4,344	34,310
1970-71	11,444	4,679	4,204	4,709	3,158	212	161	500	4,022	4,367	37,456

NOTE. The above tables refer to workers compensation business transacted during the year. Previous tables refer to claims reported.

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